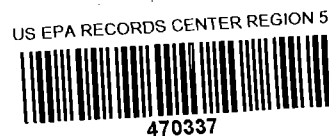




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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

January 25, 2006

Via FedEx

SR-6J

Thomas W. Steib
Detrex Corporation
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RE: February 8, 2006 Meeting to Discuss the Source of DNAPL Contamination in Fields Brook - Fields Brook Superfund Site - Ashtabula, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

As you know, a meeting has been set for Wednesday, February 8th in Cleveland to discuss the presence of Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (DNAPL) in Fields Brook. At this meeting, it is expected that both the Fields Brook Action Group and Detrex Corporation will present data and interpretations to explain why DNAPL was found in the brook after completion of excavation.

To enable all parties to fully evaluate the presentations and participate in the question and answer format, I am requesting that all data and figures on the issue of the presence of DNAPL in the brook after the completion of excavation be provided to participants by no later than February 1, 2006. Therefore, the FBAG is to provide meeting materials to governmental participants and to Mr. Tom Steib (for distribution to Detrex Corporation team members). Similarly, Detrex Corporation is to provide meeting materials to governmental participants and Mr. Bob Rule (for distribution to FBAG team members).

Governmental participants will include:

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A proposed agenda is attached.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 312-353-6564.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terese A. Van Donsel", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Terese A. Van Donsel
Remedial Project Manager

Attachment

cc: S. Jaffess / EPA-R5
P. Felitti / EPA-R5
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R. Currie / Detrex Corp
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R. Cascarilla / Walter & Haverfield LLP
J. Lonardo / Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP
Site File - OU#1 / OU#4
Site File - Fields Brook / Detrex

AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2006 FIELDS BROOK MEETING

1. Review of situation - Post-excavation discovery of DNAPL in Fields Brook (EPA)
2. Expectation of action to address DNAPL in Fields Brook and other areas (EPA)
3. Status of Detrex's source removal operations and evaluation of supplemental actions (EPA/Detrex)
4. Presentation by FBAG on source of DNAPL discovered in Fields Brook (FBAG)
5. Presentation by Detrex on source of DNAPL discovered in Fields Brook (Detrex)
6. Open discussion on source / pathway issues (All)
7. Protective measures in place to restrict downstream movement of DNAPL (FBAG)
8. Additional protective measures necessary to protect brook (All)
9. Schedule for additional protective measures and DNAPL excavation (EPA)
10. Future meetings?